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In re Applicant:

M. Cameron Watson et al.

Serial No.: 09/728,852

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR PARTITIONING DATA  
FOR STORAGE IN A DATABASE

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The current **listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

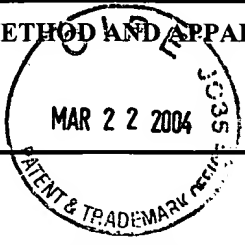
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